



Analysis of Urbanization, Informal Settlements, and Social Welfare in African Cities in South Sudan: An African Perspective

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Abstract

This study addresses a current research gap in African Studies concerning Urbanization, Informal Settlements, and Social Welfare in African Cities in South Sudan. The objective is to clarify key debates, identify practical implications, and outline a focused agenda for scholarship and policy. A qualitative approach was used, drawing on recent literature and policy sources to frame the analysis. The analysis indicates persistent structural constraints alongside emerging local innovations; however, evidence remains uneven across contexts and sectors. The paper argues for context-specific approaches and stronger empirical foundations in future research. Stakeholders should prioritise inclusive, locally grounded strategies and improve data transparency. Urbanization, Informal Settlements, and Social Welfare in African Cities, South Sudan, Africa, African Studies, conference paper This structured abstract provides a standardised summary to support rapid screening, indexing, and assessment of scholarly contribution.

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